

AN IMPARTIAL
ACCOUNT
OF THE
PROCEEDINGS
AT
GUILD-HALL

The 5th of this Instant *September*, 1683.

Upon the Election of a Sheriff to serve for the ensuing year;
as likewise Chamberlain, Ale-Conner, &c. being a brief relation of what remarkably occurred upon the said Elections.

Entred according to ORDER.

THE Right Honourable the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, for some weighty considerations, having adjourned the Election of Sheriffs, Chamberlain, Aleconner, &c. on *Midsummer* day last, till the 5th of this Instant *September*, the respective Liveries upon Summons received in order thereto, came to the *Guild-hall* of the City of *London*, whether after they had attended some time, the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor came attended by the Sheriffs, and accompanied by most of the Aldermen his Brethren, being received into the Hall with much reverence and great respect by the Electors, through which he passed into the Council Chamber. From whence after a while returning, he went upon the *Hustings*, where taking the Chair, Proclamation was made by the Common-Cryer, as is customary upon the like occasion, at the end of which there being a great silence throughout the Hall so far from the last years disorder that scarcely the murmur of a voice was heard till the Candidates were put up in order to the Election of one Sheriff to stand with *Peter Daniel*, Esq; Elected by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor; those in nomination were *Francis Dashwood*, Esq; *Sr. William Dodson*, Captain *Francis Griffith*, and some others but upon view it was apparent that by the majority of hands, the Election fell upon *Francis Dashwood*, Esq; whereupon he, together with *Peter Daniel*, Esq; was declared Sheriff Elect of *London* and *Middlesex* for the ensuing year.

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This Election happily made in a quiet and peaceable manner, according to the good order and custom of the City, the persons standing in competition for Chamberlain were put up, who were *Henry Loads* and *Mr. Peter Aleworth* (*Sir Thomas Player* as'tis said declining it) for the former a considerable number of hands were put up; but upon view the majority of Votes was adjudged to fall upon the latter, who was thereupon declared Chamberlain Elect, in order to his taking upon him that great and honourable trust. *Sir Thomas Player* was by some in nomination; but the Votes for him were few or none. These Elections were carried with all evenness, moderation and civility, without any heats or clashing. The which being over, divers persons were in nomination for the Place of Bridge-Master, vacant by the death of *Deputy Sexton*. when for *Theophilus Smith* and *William Topham* the Votes admitting of difficulty in decision, to whom the majority fell: And a Pole demanded, the Pole was granted, and the Hall Adjourned till Four in the Afternoon, at what time the Pole began, and was carried on with all regularity. Divers persons being put up for the place of Ale-Conner, *Mr. Welling a Coffee-man*, carried it by the majority of Voicés.

Upon these Elections *Mr. Recorder* made a most Elegant Speech to the Common Hall, setting forth the occasion of their meeting, admonishing them to proceed regularly in the business of the day, without any heats, or passion; but as Loyal and worthy Citizens, to Elect such persons as were of known Loyalty and Integrity, or to this Effect: And in fine, never was any Election more fair and regular in the knowledg of Man, to the great satisfaction of all the well-affected.

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